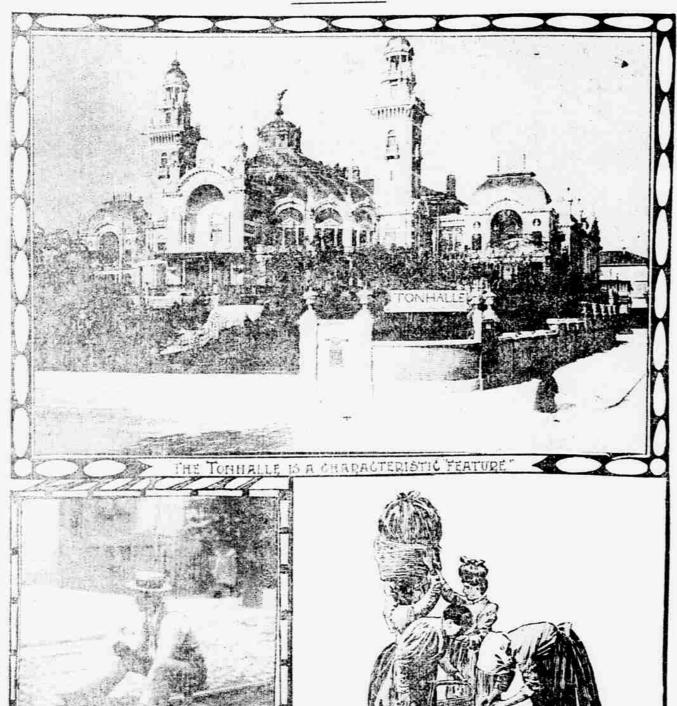
## SWISS METROPOLIS, A...

Frank Carpenter Visits Commercial Center of the Alps-European Workingmen and Their Organizations-Street Laborers Who Carry Stools-How the Women Work - A Look at the Swiss Schools and Their Gymnasiums - Pupils Furnished Doctors, Oculists and Dentists Free of Charge-School Tours and School Baths.



EACH MASON HAD A MILKI

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produced with farms !

END OF LEVE

sides of the laket B climbs the hills and on our west as smokestacks along the SILKS MADE TO take of the civer, marking the sites of the PLEASE THE TOURIST. in and from factories, for which it

min many charges, and school and

other sections there are buildings Limits at its based with such structures. at there, being exerted on piles go

old Swiss form of hullding.

spartment houses are going up every- revolver."

any for more than a generation.

It is now poshing its way into England, and in via and Switzerland. Geneva 4s a ly of flats, although it has some beautiful in Bern there are stores on the ground

floors with apartments above, even in the officer of this newspa-older sections of the city, and Zerich is fast the envelope on the street. Many of the new houses are apartment techers are apartments and stores com-

TOLESALE ESTABLISHMENT

REQUINDED BY RESIDENCES

You find a big wholesale establishment way off at one side surrounded by rest-dences, and you have often to hunt for the groves that you want. The people are very conservative

They stick to the metchants with whom they are accustomed to deal, and for this on it will pay well to cultivate them as reason it will pay well to cultivate them as to American trade. In a ride with Consul Lieberknecht one afterneon we rode by the Zurich Tonballe and other characteristic buildings.

The Tonhalle is one of the features of al- DOZEN MEN AT

talning a good testaurant, a theater and a playing the stones, and it seemed to me tho retained toom.

It was built with private funds and is Each mason had a milking stool to sit

with reading, concert and half

dowly but surely making their way into the other cities are just beginning to adopt of twelve hours.

them, and I find several here in Switzer-There is one in the heart of the city

much, part of Switzerines and which leeks as though it might have been which leeks as though it might have been it. Lake Zutich, which is twenty-lifted up out of an American town and loom and two and one haif notes dropped down into the Alps. Limited Street, which connects this constructed in much the same way as out

one, and lustead of using the cash carrier system or the cash loy it has little cash desks here and there on every floor.

The purchaser has to pay all his hills at these desks, the clerk who has made the sale going with him and carrying the goods to be there wrapped up.

The clerks are not allowed to handle the

noney, and the system is altogether must during and inconvenient to the purchaser. Zurich does a big business in silk.

It competes with Lyons as to certain which compare favorably with any I saw in

mund and also to catch the eye of the can flag woven in Zurich as a souveter

and was offered no end of Italian blankets made by the Swiss of refuse slik for the tourist trade. I say Italian blankets, for the Swiss are great imitators.

Like the Germans, they copy the goods of other countries, and I am told they do this even to the trade marks.

Micformick reaper.
The Swiss saw these machines were selfing well with their farmers and one firm instated them and put a facsimile on the her sinces the buildings have ar-christers on the ground floor, facing of course, the American McCormick comwith stores behind them, so pany objected, and as the steal was so apparent the Swiss were compelled to change the name to the Belyetla, although they did not after the make of the machin in South America which was the exact copy of a well-known American make was manufactured by the Germans and bore upon its side the legend, "Smith &

> The "Smith & Wessen" were in large letters and the remainder in small, so that the South American who could only read Spanish and could make out nothing but words thought he was buying a gennine American gun, whereas he got a cheap

> and nasty German imitation.
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> I came near being arrested to-day. I was coming from the bank with my mall and had just torn open a letter from the editor of this newspaper and thrown

> sternly as he pointed to it. I blushed red and at once picked it up, for I had heard that it was against the law of throw waste naper on the street

You can't even throw it into the river or anals without being liable to arrest, and the laws are rigid as to city cleanliness. All the people are expected to keep the streets clean in front of their houses, and the police help them.

The result is that Zurich looks like a Dutch klichen and the whole town is spick and span. The streets are well kept and are relaid whenever they show signs of going into ruts. Some of the Swiss roads are payed with cobbles

I went over such a one this afternoon which the behavers were repairing.

WORK LAYING STONES. There were perhaps a dozen men at work ing

THE SWISS WOMEN MANAGE THE MARKETS

a private company, but the cars on as he worked, and I photographed one and I fell into conversation with him.

He told me that his wages were 8 cents

an hour and that he usually made 89 cents for his day of ten hours. the conductor what he was paid and found that he got the same as the mason-50 cents that his day was tweive hours instend of ten.

the company sometimes receive as much as 20 cents and 25 cents a day, but there are ry few who reach as high as \$1 for a day

The normal Swiss working day is eleven hours and wages range from 50 cents uptories who do not get more than this and ome who get less.

The wages are low in the embroidery mills

the latter much of the work is done by piece, and skilled employes make what are considered fair wages. And still the workingmen in Switzerland ave their organizations.

There are workingmen's societies nearly The Government has passed factory laws a few years ago it was found that

there were 5,000 factories under these laws they employed 20000 men.

Many of the cuntons have their own labor regulations. In some there are labor bu-reaus and technical schools. The workingmen combine together to

further their own interests, and they have succeeded in getting legislation by appealng to the Swiss Congress. As it is now the railroad companies are de to damages if men are seriously hurt

while in their employ.

If a man is injured in a factory the If a man is injured in a factory the owner of the factory can be made to pay as much as six times the amount of his yearly arnings, or a maximum of \$1.00. Some of the saddest scenes here are the women at work WOMEN PERFORM ALL

KINDS OF LABOR. I have seen many a gray-haired dame with the sweat streaming down her wrin-

You see girls pitching and raking hay and pading and hoeing in the fields.
You see them going over the roads while great loads on their backs, and in the Alps ou may meet them toiling along with baskets full of manure strapped to them, The manure comes from the barns and is seing carried up to be spread over the pastures on the sides of the hills.

I have seen women pushing carrs, har-nessed up with dogs, and I frequently see them sawing wood in the streets. Another sight of a more modern type is : Swiss girl riding an American mowing me thine pulled by two cows, for, indeed, cows distinction of sex, either bovine or human

The cows are worked in most parts o They are sometimes harnessed up with exen, and I frequently see a cow and a horse pulling along side by side. Returning to the women of Switzerland

Some have Government offices and you find them acting as cashiers in the cafe and restaurants.

They are as good in a business way as their French sisters, and, like the French women, are among the thriftiest of their The most of the marketing of Switzerland

is done by the women.

In Bern the markets are in the streets The women bring in their vegetables, their butter and cheese and other wares and peddle them out from stands on the In Basel they push their goods into town

in little wagons like baby carriages.

In Bern you frequently see a dog cart going from door to door, the women backsters now pulling with the dogs and stopping to peddle milk or vegetables to the It is with these dogs that they bring their wares in from the country, the dog taking the part of the horse,

SWISS HOUSEWIFE DOES HER OWN BUYING The purchasers in the markets are also Every Swiss housewife does her own buyShe comes out early and picks out the things for herself.

I stopped before one woman who was buying some butter of a white-capped female butter seller.

The butter was mobbel into great loaves, the work was out the portions demand. from which were cut the portions demand-it by the purchasers.

The cutting is done with a brass wire in

the shape of a loop, which the woman fits around the oaf and pulls through, cutting the butter much more smoothly and evenly than could be done with a knife. I asked as to prices and was told that

good batter is now worth 14 cents a pound I have spent some time in going through as schools of Zurich and other parts of Switzerland, I am surprised at their excellence

The Swiss gifte themselves on their educa-tomal system, and they universally patrons to the schools. ize the schools.

Here in Zarich it is estimated that 57 per cent of the shidden of all classes go to the mblic schools, aithough there are excellent frate academics and kind-reacters. Every canton has its School Board and ev

ery village its sensel buildings. The country is small, but all together there are more than loop schools in it, and a talk's number of high schools and universities. Farel has a university which was funded before the oscovery of America, and there are good universities at Bern, Geneva, Ed being and Zuffell. These iniversities are organized on the

one plan as those o, Germany, each being served by a rector and a senate, and di-

deliber to this there are Las technical is on the General Government or the car-lens, and there are assessiventy consequently schools, with more than 6000 publis.

ALMOST EVERY SCHOOL. HAS ITS GYMNASIUM The Switz wareh the health of their selfied

here are more than a thousand schools here which have symmastic training all the viat round and 3 by which give lessons in D mussions a part of the year. I have visited a number of symmastics. They are the employed and the teys and tirls do their work under regular instruc-

the harve buths connected with them, and be digit whild is sent out for a wash. The city has its school declar, who make equilar examinations of the eyes, ears and

Tight of the pupils.
Think of a school dentier?
That is what they have to Zurich.
Yang of the public schools have gordens about them.
I visited one this afternoon which had at teast an acre given up to pury and exercise grounds, and this notwithstanding the wheel was in the heart of the city.
Under the trees were vaulting horses and parallel bars, and this in addition to the tes-

parallel bars and this is sellion to the tes-ular gymnasium under lover. In one sentem of the grounds a class of love was training under their professor, a tawny beauded man of Speers. The beyon had non roles about four feet long which they throw about in a variety of motions as directed. I photographed this lass in action and the boys were delighted

all parts of Switzerland the teachers ake the children off now and then on edureads to the most beautiful parts of Switzerland.

More than 5000 scholars were sent out

from Zurich on such tours last year with their teachers.
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## TWAIN'S FRIENDS INVADED HIS FIELD OF HUMOR.

Mark Twain will probably never forget his office.

The reinder were in excellent form and

position in the south part of the city as Doctor Twicheli's did "on the hill." One morning the newspaper of which Charles Dudley Warner was editor-in-chief, much like those of one who is being run published in its religious notices a parasaway with; but five minutes of it served find the airship useful." I suggested graph that the Reverend Doctor Parker had to restore tay confidence in my safety.

"Possibly in ten or fifteen years find the airship useful." I suggested "Possibly," he said, "and then they leave the said of t baptized several women and children in the font of the South Baptist Church the even- able in my mind as I have ever been in

The South Baptist Church was only a block or two away from Dr. Parker's South I found a steaming bot breakfast prepared Congregational Church, and the reporter in for me, consisting of broiled chocolate his mixed report ascribed to Doctor Parker creams, a couple of hard-boiled peppermint functions that had really been performed sticks and some candled apples, just from by the Reverend Doctor Crane, paster of the evens. the South Baptist Church, in the pres-

ence of a large congregation.

Struck with the humor of the thing.

Parsons Parker and Twichell stopped at the office of the Hartford Times to have the report corrected in its early evening edition and to have a lange over the story with Frank Burr, chief editorial writer,

and John Beiden, sporting editor. As a result of the joint labors of these four, but mainly of the Reverends Parker and Twichell, a half-column article ap-peared in the early edition of the Times describing in detail the baptismal ceremony

conducted by Doctor Parker in Dr. Crane's Church. It was so absurdly preposterous that it seemed impossible anybody could have been

deceived by it.

The account described circumstantially Doctor Parker's violent descent upon the nstonished congregation of the South Bap-tist Church, his driving the terrified Doctor Crane from his font, baptizing willynilly anybody that came in his way, finally marching back in triumph to his own church, preceded by a howling crowd. with a hand-organ grinder at the head

When the first edition of the newspaper appeared upon the street the wheels began Chief of Police Packard, who was a mem-

ber of Doctor Parker's congregation, was taken in by the syndicate of humor and demanded to know from the policeman on the beat how such a disgraceful occurrence could have taken place withhout his being informed of it. City Treasurer Brown hurried up to the

Times office to make inquiries. women immediately called on Mrs. Crane and on Mrs. Parker.

Messages began to come in by telegraph. When Doctor Parker came out from a ministers' meeting the storm was at its height, In the later edition of the paper the story

funny business for the newspapers. if I had attempted to preach I could not have made a worse mess of it."

This world is a stage they tell me, No doubt what they tell me is true, And I'm glad that I came For a look at the same, And I'm happy to see it through.

It's a pretty good show in the morning; it's a pretty good show at night. It's glorious fun 'Neath the smiling sun, And it's pleasant when stars are bright

Tis a wonderful transformation That the wooded lights unfold fit." I suggested.
I was glad I asked the question, for it When they shift the scene From the autumn's green To the prodigal summer's gold. There are scenes of tragic sorro There are moments of careless glee. Though critics cry

That it's all awry. It's a good enough show for me, -Washington Star. Little Maid's Idea.

"He strode with a martial air," read the little girl. "Now get the dictionary and look up the meanings of the words," said the teacher, "and then bring me a paraphrase of that

The little maid worked heavily ovdictionary, and then brought the following paraphrase to her teacher: 'He took long strides with great cour-

## AUTOMOBILE AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR SANTA'S REINDEERS AND SLEIGH,

John Kendrick Bangs Chats With the Merry Saint of Yuletide-He Prefers Prancer and Dancer to the Fastest Motor Carriage-Why Some of Last Season's Toys Smelt of Gasoline.



It was a crist, old morning when, in te-sponse to an invitation from Sinta Claus. I visited him at his headquarters in the

I had good a hard risk from the case of the very great consection of traffic, first on the Plus Central Riskway, and later on the Greenland Air Line, upon which assemble one now has to travel to reach the Santa Claus pair.

Three as I was, however, I was soon the case of the I

braced up by the livegorating air that I breathed into my lungs in the twenty-mile sleigh ride from Politown, the ranway sta-tion, out to Clausville. Here the venerable Saint of Yuletide has

hilicent creatures who had hever known the feeling of a rein.

a hansom cab. Upon my arrival at the Clausville Hotel

These I are with relish, and then walked up the broad main street of Clausville to the headquarters of Mr. Claus. He received me with his usual cordiality and made feel perfectly at home the moment I entered his private office.

"If you don't mind waiting a moment." he said, after he had made me welcome; "I am just finishing up my correspondence, and there are just a few letters of importance that remain to be answered.

"Til be with you in about five minutes." I gladly acquissed and Santa turned to a row of twenty stenographers at one end of his room and soon had the fingers of every one of them busy taking down his marvelusly rapid dictation. While this was going on I had a chance

to look about his room and was much en-tertained at what I saw there. Models for mechanical railways and automobiles in miniature and engines and carriages of all sorts and descriptions were to be found on every side.

On the walls were pictures of most interesting make, most of them movable in

which the figures seemed to be alive and to enact some little story for the onlocker. In one corner of the room, which was very large and bright, stood a huge bookease, containing, I should say, about a thousand volumes, which Santa Claus's authors have turned out in the last year.
On the other side was another case, which

had held some 500 large volumes, which, I judged from labels on their backs, contained the records of all the youngsters in the world, alphabetically arranged. I was strongly tempted to take down one

of these to see how my own youngsters had been behaving themselves, While I was turning the proposition over in my mind Santa Claus left his stenographers and announced his readiness to talk "Well." he said genially, as he handed me

a candy cigar, "I'm very glad to see you. Just try that Flora Chocolatora and tell was "lifted."

Mark Twain sent a consolation message to his friends. "Suppose you chaps stick to preaching," he said, "and let me do the "No, indeed." he teplied with a laugh: 'you just pull at it as you would on a real

> "It's a dry smoke, but very toothsome and neurishing. And now for your questions.
> "I gathered from your letter that you wanted me to give you an interview for Christmas. "Yes," said I, "but I had an idea you'd be willing to just talk, and after you had said

all you had to say I could write in the

"H'm! That's the way you do it, ch?" he said, scratching his chin.
"Well-I don't know just what to talk about-I've never been interviewed before. "How do you feel in regard to the auto-mobile, for instance, as a substitute for Prancer and Dancer and your reindeer out-

was evident the minute I spoke that I had touched him upon one of his raw spots. "It'll never do in this world," he cried, nounding the table with his fist "I tried it last year against my wishes, but yielding to the solicitations of a number of our Board of Directors, and the way the thing was botched was disgraceful. "We sent out two hundred and fifty automobiles all loaded with toys, and only

factorily. "Sixteen of them blew up before they'd "Sixteen of them blew up before they'd gone a hundred miles; forty-two got stuck in the snow half way between Clausville and Boston; thirty of our chauffeurs were jugged for scorching before they'd delivered a single toy

"But the toys have to go through after they pected us to get the real hair from I can't imagine.

"But the worst crowd of the lot was the Federation of Iron Wagon Drivers and the United Order of Tin Soldiers. They are

"Four of them punctured their tires on church steeples and lightning rods.
"Between you and me, it was because one of the biggest of 'em-a \$30,000 Mercedes-





the Campanile as Venice later came clatter- when we called out a dozen regiments of ing down about the ears of the populace. The soldiers to maintain order all of 'em "Worst of all, the toys that were delivered mutinied, bent their bayonets, refused to the attempt of two of his Hartford friends to invade his renim of writing humor, and the disastrous consequences of it.

In the Twain-Twichell-Warner group was the Reverend Doctor Parker, a Congregational clergyman of learning and eloquence, whose church eccupied relatively the same who had never brown.

"Worst of all, the forse that were delivered successfully smelled so of gasolene that they made half the chludgen before morning came, and the church engage of the machines up on the roof teps waked up the machines up on the church characteristics and affiliated with th to first principles up here, and that while , manded Paresian trouseaux, the wax rethere's a reiniber left in the world we have no use for automobiles in our business" vided with running water, hot and cold.
"Possibly in ten or fifteen years you'll "The marbles and agates wouldn't shoot

At the end of ten I was quite as comfort
Me Santy Dumont instead of Santy Claus

Straight and in our place. "Possibly," he said, "and then they'll call dren all insisted upon

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ters, instead of pupils." -ch?" he mided with a chuckle. "Don't you plu your faith to the airship,

young man. "I sent one out last year along with the automobiles, and it collapsed somewhere asked.
"No," replied Santa Claus. and it never works surely enough for us. ny kind to be provided for. "What's the result?

"Somewhere in that vast stretch of sand there are enough toys to stock a department store, and two tons of marsomallows as being on one side or the other, we wasting their sweetness on the desert air. gath
"No, sir. No airships in mine.
"The reindeer and the sieigh are as much use.

with 'em and substitute a toy emporium !

ing to the iconoclastic spirit of the age in you, is there?"
"That's a new word to me," said Santa ing that they wouldn't go out at all unless

"Oh, I see" sald Santa Claus. "Well, it's was that they would consent to being left good name for an automobile, the Red only in lisle-thread stockings, and would oclast, ch?"

"Very good." I laughed. "I suppose," I continued. "your business is increasing rap- twine we have used since the jumping jack he, "but it has brought its troubles with it. | quired us to inscribe them with lines from "We made a bad mistake at the beginning | Erowning, Shakespeare and Tennyson, inof the year by manufacturing a lot of toy walking delegates up at the shops "We thought they'd create a good deal of

amusement among the youngsters in the inited States, and we turned out a pretty big batch of them, and, by finge thing we knew they'd organized a dozen labor unions among the other toys and in two weeks we had a general toy strike on

"There wasn't a toy in the storeroom from the monkeys-on-the-stick to the French dolls, that would work."
"Not really!" I cried.
"It's a fact," said Santa Claus, "And a

"It's a fact." said Santa Claus.

more preposterous let of demands you never | "So that I asked. "The United Brotherhood of Piush Dogs

red from time immemorial, passed resolu-tions declining to jump unless they were painted blue and had two coats at that.

They also demanded shorter sticks and ment all over.

Textile tails."

Tim awfully

"I never heard of such a thing," I said, amazed at the news. "Nor anybody else," said Santa Claus, "And you should have heard the talking

"After years of hard labor we had succeeded in producing a doll that would say 'Papa' and 'Mamma' if you punched it in the stomach, and it's the solemn truth that when we investigated them to see if they too were infected with the strike spirit 90 per cent of 'em wouldn't respond at all and the balance shricked out' Down with the operators!" instead of making the usual "What did they demand" I asked, smil-

They wanted to be slapped on the buck instead of prodded in the stomach; insisted upon a four-hour day and real hair instead tow," Santa Claus answered indigmantly,
"I can't say I blamed them for preferring to be slapped on the back to the other operations, but the shorter hours and real

ing at the situation, in spite of Santa

Claus's wrath.

five of 'em accomplished their work satis- hair stumped me. "We can't control the hours of labor the toys have to go through after they

Federation of Iron Wagon Drivers and the United Order of Tin Soldiers. They are pretty hard customers under any circum-stances and they objected to pretty much everything they had to do.
"The former, relying upon their inde-

straight and in our plaster schools the chil-dren all insisted upon being school mas-

"By Jove! but you must have had a time of it!" I cried. "But were there no nonunion toys among them?"

"And did they go over to the union?" I They had the sawdust shaken out of em, mostly by the Iron Wagon Drivers. Within a week of our investigation, in gathered up eighteen basketfuls of non-

union toys, not one of which was fit for "The thing lasted until July and every we stand or fall together.

"If they abolish the reindeer for the automobile they'll have to abolish me along point where they demanded that each one of them should be permitted to say to what child he should be given and that "Good!" I ejaculated. "There's no yield-1 each should be delivered by special mes-

Claus, "But—" each was provided with three sul "Iconoclastic signifies destructive," I ex-clothes and a porcelain lined bathtub. each was provided with three suits of The last word from the jumping jacks refuse to work except in response to a pull on a sliken string, instead of the ordinary

> was invented. "And, worst of all, the motto candles re-"Well, I declare!" said I. "But what did you do? Is the strike on yet?"

"Yes, it's on with that particular lot," said Santa Claus.
"We are through with 'em, though. They can strike and strike and strike for all we "We just turned in and made an entirely

new supply-leaving the walking delegates out. The strikers have been left to their

own devices, and the new lot are all of them nonunion. "I hated to do it, but it was the only "So that now all is plain sailing again?"

"Not exactly," said Santa Claus, "We've refused utterly to bark unless we gave each one two extra sleigh bells to hang around his neck.
"The monkeys-on-a-stick, who have been red from time immemorial passed resolutions."
"We have demands for about four mit-

lien more toys than we can provide, and so, of course, there will be much disappoint-"I'm awfully sorry, but we've done our best, which is all anybody can do." "I suppose," I put in at this point, "that you have the usual run of smoking jackets

and slippers, and golf suits and furs, and so on, for the grown-ups this year." "No I haven't," said Santa Claus, "I've got a novelty this year for the grown-ups.
"When I realized our condition in the toy side of our proposition I took all our hands off the presents for grown turned our energies entirely into replacing

our toy stock. "Everybody in the place has been making toys, giving up the smoking jacket and slipper end of it altogether. Christmas is first of all a children's season, you know." "And so we are to be without presents

to be children." "No. indeed!" cried Santa Claus, tovially, "I've got a present for the adults warm the cockles of every heart in your

country. "I thought of it only vesterday, and I've fixed it already, so that it will be delivered all right."

all right."

"And may I ask what it is?" said I.
"Certainly," replied Santa Claus, 'If you'll promise not to tell."

I promised, and Santa Claus whispered in my ear a single monosyllable, which filled my soul with delight.
Of course, in view of my promise, I cannot tell you what it is the good old Saint is to gladden our hearts with on Christmas morning, but I can only say this:
If any adult reader of this interview finds a ten of anthracite in his stocking on Christmas me aing he need not be very much

collided with the top of it, in the dusk, that structibility, took to smashing things, and surprised. JOHN KENDRICK BANGS.